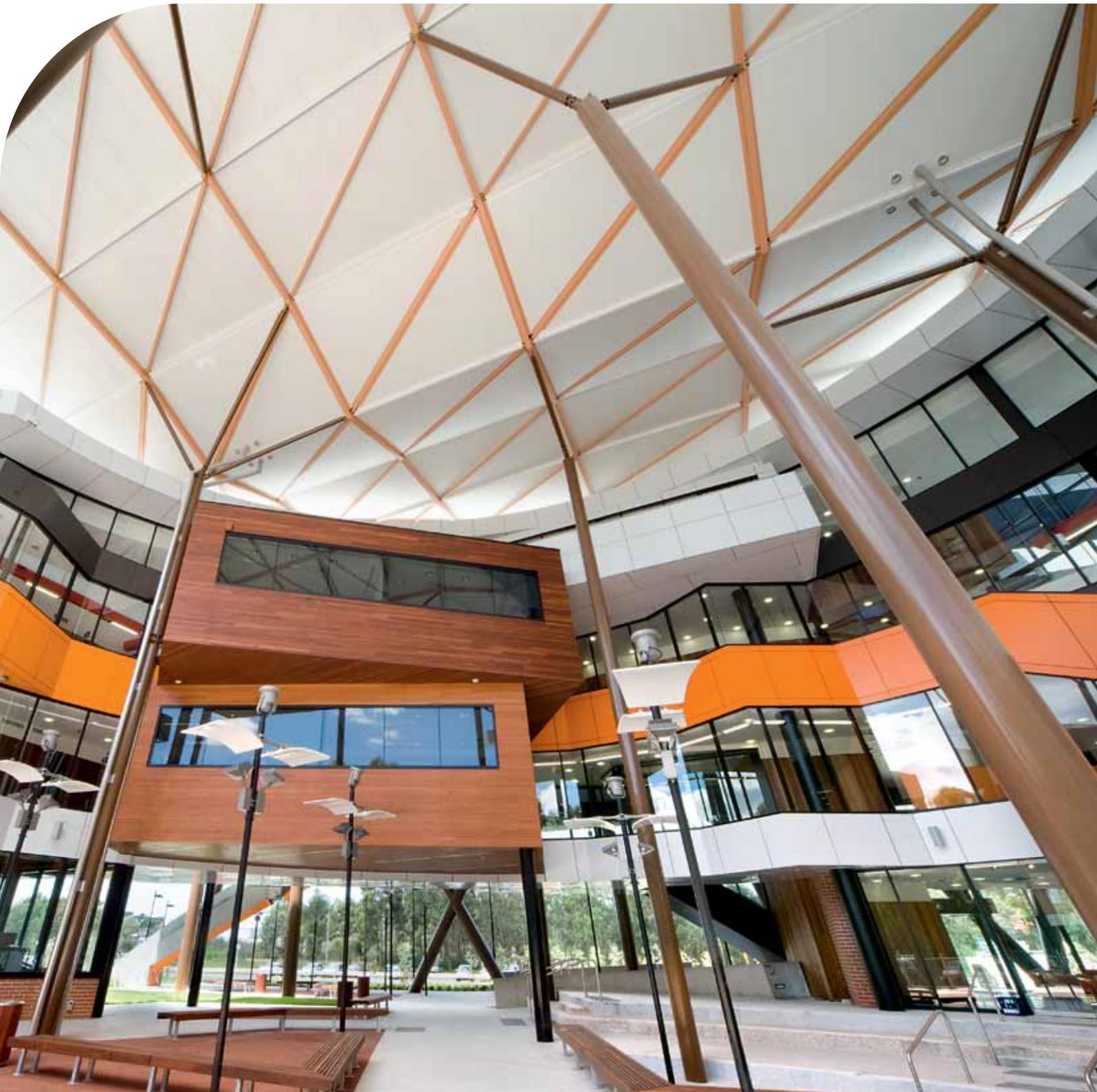


## 2012 UWS International Profile



# Bringing knowledge to life in Greater Western Sydney



If you are passionate about a career that will make a palpable difference to the lives of our students, their families, our businesses and industry, and the prosperity and social capital of a diverse and urban region, we look forward to hearing from you.

The University of Western Sydney (UWS) is committed to making a difference to the lives of our students and the communities in which they live. Our hallmarks are creativity and engagement with contemporary social and environmental challenges.

UWS is a metropolitan university serving Greater Western Sydney – a diverse and growing region of economic opportunity and community aspiration. The future of the region will rely on rapidly increasing the educational opportunities and outcomes for its people as well as those who attend from overseas and other parts of the state.

The University's strategic focus is on educational innovation and exemplary teaching and on research into local and global questions of greatest relevance to the current and future challenges of the Region. In 2006 the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) described UWS as a 'university of the people'. It is often described by observers as a 'university on the move'.

With 40,000 students enrolled across its six campuses, studying disciplines ranging from law to nanotechnology, linguistics to medicine and business to forensic science, the University is a substantial and influential institution. In 2010, UWS enrolled the sixth largest number of government funded students in the nation. But the

University's regional mandate sets it aside from many other Australian universities. This is articulated in the University's founding legislation, which defines its responsibilities to its communities.

The development of the University has seen it emerge from more than a decade of reinvention and renewal with a rapidly growing profile and reputation in the sector. This development has been underpinned by a coherent University strategic plan (Making the Difference, 2009-2013), which has provided a firm foundation for a university that is growing in stature and is looked to for innovation, expertise and a distinctive set of institutional capabilities. The data reflecting the University's progress and achievements in the last five years show that:

- » retention of students from first to second year has increased significantly.
- » student satisfaction with the experience of university as measured by the national Course Experience Questionnaire (CEQ) has increased by 29% in the last six years.
- » student 'demand' is burgeoning with first to third preferences for university places at UWS increasing each year and overall student enrolment up by 25% over the last three years.

Substantial growth for UWS as the region's population grows is a given, and so the implications and impact of growth are key considerations in institutional planning and quality assurance. We expect to grow to at least 50,000 students within 10 years. As a result:

- » the University has recently recruited an impressive array of new academic staff and is aiming for at least 100 new academic appointments each year for the next five years, from Australia and abroad.
- » our research outcomes and achievements are consistently improving.
- » the institution's financial position is sound, with an anticipated surplus of \$78m in 2010, net assets of \$1.1billion, and an income projection of \$596m for 2011.
- » the University has embarked on a major capital development program over recent years, with capital expenditure of over \$350 million in the last triennium.

The University's mission is to ensure that teaching and the student experience continue to give life to our commitment to our communities and that our students, in turn, graduate with the knowledge and skills sought after in the workplace and with an active sense of social responsibility.

Engagement with business and industry is a strategic priority for the University which has productive collaborations in research, enterprise and student placements with industry partners. We are working towards ensuring that our graduates will all have been out and about in the broader community contributing, thinking, learning, connecting in ways that continue to mark out UWS as a leading 'engaged' university in Australia and internationally. The University aspires therefore:

- » to gain recognition at home and abroad for its engagement with the economic and social development of its region,
- » to achieve an international reputation for excellence in selected fields of research, and
- » to provide national leadership in student access and success.



Professor Janice Reid AM  
Vice-Chancellor

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# Why choose UWS?

With a contemporary approach to study, work and innovation, UWS adapts to the changing demands of global business, education, communication and the environment.

True to our slogan 'bringing knowledge to life' we combine academic study with practical experiences to deliver useful courses to help drive you towards your career goals.

## Career-orientated courses

- » The University's strong research and industry links ensure course materials are always up-to-date and relevant to what's happening in the real world.

## High level of professional accreditation

- » UWS places a strong emphasis on professional accreditation, so many courses have been designed to meet the needs of industry and professional organisations.

## Balance of academic and practical learning

- » Nearly all courses have practical components, so you will have plenty of opportunities to gain hands-on experience in real-life situations through case studies or practical work in our state-of-the-art facilities. There are also opportunities for external work placements or internships within industry.

## Teaching students skills for life

- » You will be encouraged to adopt an independent, critical and analytical approach to each subject area.
- » We encourage students to monitor new developments and to be adaptable to lifelong learning. Many courses specifically develop leadership and strategic thinking skills.

## Industry-trained academic staff

- » Our industry-trained academics are in touch with the professional world and help provide you with the best possible resources to succeed in your studies.

## Well regarded, innovative research programs

- » UWS takes its responsibility to support high-impact research seriously, fostering a vibrant and dynamic research culture. Our reputation for research excellence has placed us in the Australian Research Council's (ARC) funding top 20. Our research programs are geared towards making a difference in our communities and to contemporary life all around the world.

## Global knowledge network

- » The University has close links with universities in the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and the Americas. These links provide opportunities for academic collaboration and research and also provide students with an international perspective, an international student exchange program to study in another country as part of your degree in Australia, and the chance to 'hook' into a global knowledge network.

## UWSCollege

- » UWS owns a pathway college called UWSCollege – providing English Language tuition and academic preparation for students to succeed at UWS.

## UWS at a glance ...

- » UWS is located in Sydney's Greater West region
- » Multi-campus university – six campuses throughout Western Sydney
- » Over 40,000 students – one of the largest universities in Australia
- » Over 4,000 international students study at UWS every year from around the world: India, China, Canada, Germany, Korea, Thailand, Jordan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia, Pakistan, Kenya, Japan, and more ...

'Our students are at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to providing students with both the information they need to succeed in today's social, political and economic climate and the skills that will help them to adapt for tomorrow's future.'

Professor Janice Reid, AM  
Vice-Chancellor and University President



### University of Western Sydney

Are you thinking about building on your current career, pursuing a new one or following up on a lifelong study interest in Australia? UWS can help you meet your ultimate career goals.

Recent changes to the employment market have resulted in calls for higher professional standards and for graduates who can readily adapt to rapid technological and social change.

At UWS our undergraduate programs are strongly career orientated, will provide you with analytical and problem solving skills and keep you abreast of trends and changes, providing you more opportunities to gain industry experience in Australia while you study.

### Industry Experience

UWS successfully links students with organisations through its internship program. Each year, the Careers & Cooperative Education unit offers over 200 placements to students across a wide range of industries. In recent years, students have undertaken placements in various areas including website design, marketing, chemical testing, stormwater management, database development and social research.

'As an international student you will contribute greatly to the ethnically diverse nature of our student body. Your international perspective will enhance learning in the classroom environment as well as the cultural and social life on UWS campuses. I am sure that your experience at UWS will be rewarding and we look forward to working with you to achieve your career goals.'

Diane Dwyer  
Director, UWS International



# UWSCollege

UWSCollege is a not-for-profit company, wholly owned by the University of Western Sydney. The College was created in 2006 to provide academic pathways to the University, complemented by English language, Foundation Studies and Diploma programs for Australian and International students.

[www.uwscollege.edu.au](http://www.uwscollege.edu.au)

UWSCollege has five key structural areas:

1. **Academic Pathways** which provides University Foundation and Diploma programs for students proceeding to an academic program at the University of Western Sydney.
2. **English Programs** which enable international students to gain the academic English skills to qualify them for university entrance. This unit also provides study tours for international groups which combine English language tuition, industry visits and cultural immersion.
3. **Professional Programs** which deliver VET sector courses and customised training programs as well as operating as the College Registered Training Organisation (RTO).
4. **Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)** which assists recent migrants and humanitarian entrants to Australia develop basic English skills preparatory to employment and further education and training.
5. **Corporate and Business Services** which provides the management planning, reporting and operational support services across the College.



UWSCollege is the preferred provider of English language, University Foundation Studies and Diploma courses to prepare students for university. Students at UWSCollege are already part of the UWS community and have access to the University's range of education, leisure and social activities. UWSCollege students also have the peace of mind of knowing that the University provides guaranteed places at UWS on successful completion of their Foundation Studies or Diploma.\*

\*Successful completion of your University Foundation Studies course means achieving the required GPA (Grade Point Average), minimum English grade, and in some cases a minimum Mathematics grade. Successful completion of your Diploma requires a 50% pass rate in all required subjects.

# Student Services and Facilities

Helping you maximise your chance of academic success UWS offers support services to all students as well as extra services to international students to assist you in achieving your personal, academic and ultimate career goals. You will also have access to top class facilities to help you succeed in your studies.

## Services for international students

International Student Advisors spend time each week on all UWS campuses to provide general advice on all aspects of student life including visa renewals and family support.

The International Academic Preparation Program is especially designed for new international students. It will assist you in your transition to the Australian university setting giving you valuable information and hands-on practical experience of:

- » Australian academic culture
- » tutorial participation and working in groups
- » time and stress management
- » forms of assessment
- » assignment preparation
- » academic writing
- » rules of plagiarism.

Other services include an Airport Reception Program, Orientation Program and accommodation.

[www.uws.edu.au/international/support.html](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/support.html)

## Services for all students

The Student Learning Unit will help you with your note-taking, critical thinking, essay writing and research skills. Some resources are also available online.

Counselling can help you with personal or academic issues. We provide a free and confidential service for all students.

Disability Service can assist students who have a disability or a chronic health condition.

Chaplains from a broad range of denominations, faiths and traditions offer advice, encouragement and support to all students.

Support and advocacy is also available from the Student Association Welfare Officers.

[www.uws.edu.au/about/facilities](http://www.uws.edu.au/about/facilities)

## Access to top class facilities

UWS has excellent libraries, laboratories and state-of-the-art equipment and facilities to help you make the most of your studies.

More information about specialist facilities at each UWS campus is on pages 18-23.

## Libraries

There are seven libraries across the six campuses featuring:

- » books, journals, audio-visual materials, and internet/ databases
- » an inter-campus request system which allows you to order books from any of the six campuses
- » convenient opening hours, generally 8.30am–9pm most weekdays, and until 4.30pm on weekends during semester time. Please check specific opening hours

for each campus library at the website below.

<http://library.uws.edu.au/>

## Computer laboratories

There are over 50 general purpose computer labs, with over 2,000 computers across our six campuses featuring:

- » IBM compatible PCs
- » software including word processing, spreadsheet, database and statistical packages
- » access to host computers and network services such as email
- » assistance from an IT help desk and lab assistants
- » open access 22 hours a day, 7 days a week.

[www.uws.edu.au/students/infotech/computer\\_labs](http://www.uws.edu.au/students/infotech/computer_labs)

## UWS wireless

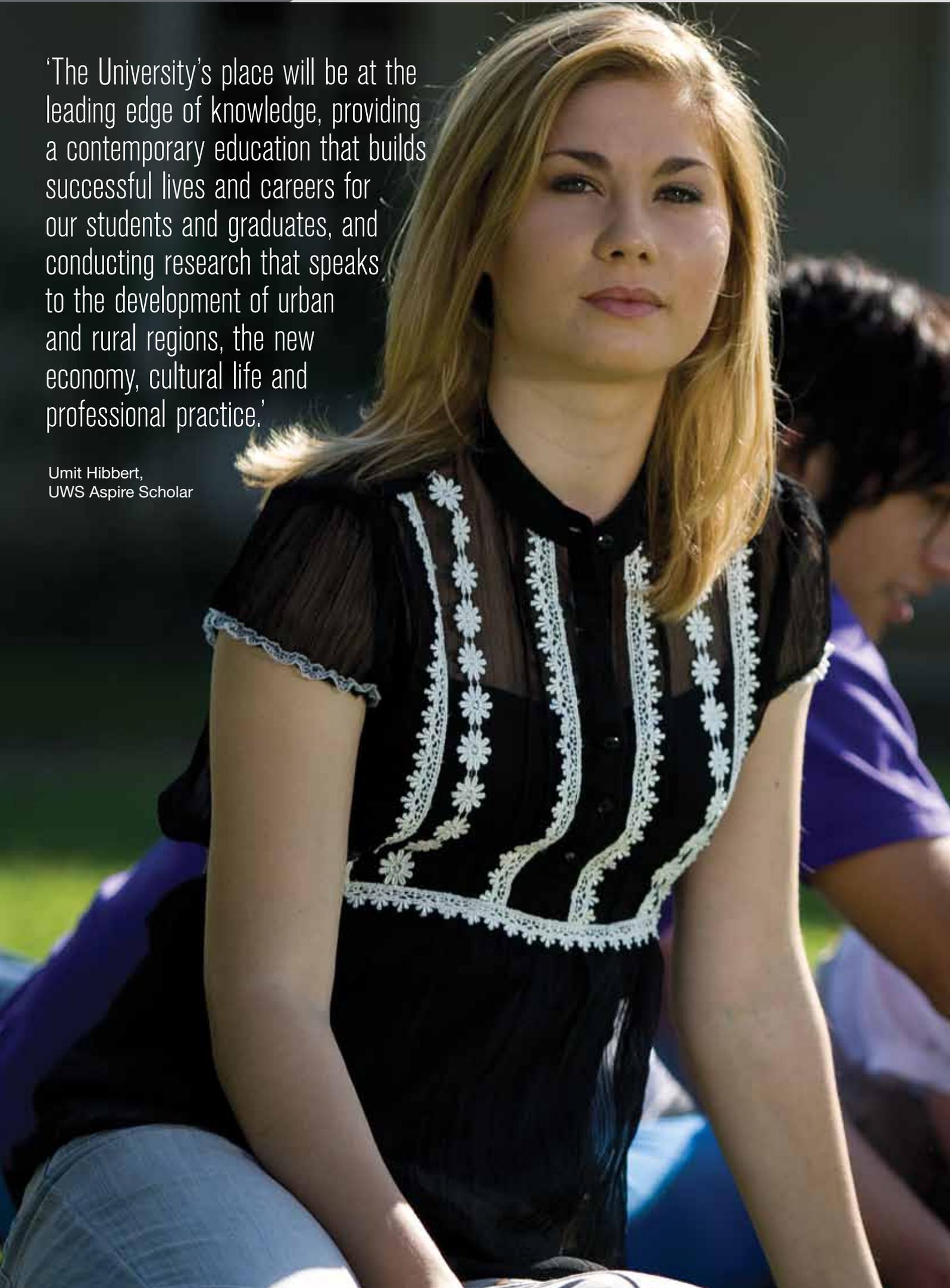
UWS students can access wireless email and internet on all campuses. You can connect to the internet from your compatible laptop from 'anywhere' on campus – provided you're in a wireless zone. The project, AirUWS, is one of the largest undertaken in Australia with around 450 access points across all campuses.

So you're able to connect to the internet at the library, campus cafe, lecture theatres, student residences or around campus!

[www.uws.edu.au/wireless](http://www.uws.edu.au/wireless)

'The University's place will be at the leading edge of knowledge, providing a contemporary education that builds successful lives and careers for our students and graduates, and conducting research that speaks to the development of urban and rural regions, the new economy, cultural life and professional practice.'

Umit Hibbert,  
UWS Aspire Scholar



# Academic Profile

The University of Western Sydney is divided into three areas of study – Arts, Business & Law, and Health & Science. For more information regarding the courses available in each area of study, please refer to the 2012 Area of Study Guides, or to the websites listed below.

## Arts

The Arts area of study offers opportunities for educational and vocational preparation in a range of liberal and creative arts and professional areas. We are committed to an academic focus that is contemporary, interdisciplinary, creative and innovative, international, and founded on values that support a society committed to social, cultural, economic and political justice.

Arts attaches priority to developing strategies to enhance the relationship between teaching and research. We particularly pride ourselves on our commitment to developing graduates in areas where local needs are significant and growing rapidly.

[www.uws.edu.au/arts](http://www.uws.edu.au/arts)

The five discipline areas within Arts are:

### Communication Arts

a dynamic hub where ideas, culture, communications and technology converge. Our students have the flexibility and scope to combine theoretical and practical studies across a wide range of related disciplines, such as graphic design, journalism, photography, media production, performance, music sound design, composition and performance, animation, advertising and web design.

### Education

one of the largest education faculties in Australia. We prepare teachers for 21<sup>st</sup> century schools, pre-schools and adult learning environments, and help student teachers and teachers to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century, 'next practice' education. We believe that the future of education is based on effectively engaging students

and teachers in challenging and relevant learning through invigorating and networked communities of learners.

### Humanities and Languages

brings together interdisciplinary programs in: Anthropology, Asian Studies, Cultural Studies, History, International Relations, Linguistics and Modern Languages (Arabic, Chinese, Italian, Japanese and Spanish), Literature and Literature Studies, Media and Visual Studies, Philosophy, Political and Social Theory, Religious Studies. Our accredited programs in interpreting and translation provide practical education to deal with real-world problems in the workplace and are based on the professional work experience and research of our staff.

### Psychology

the Psychology program provides a thorough grounding in the core knowledge areas of psychology, from the biological bases of behaviour through cognitive, emotional, and motivational processes to an understanding of social processes and developmental changes across the lifespan. An accredited Psychology degree at UWS opens doors to numerous specialist psychology careers and various non-psychology roles including clinical psychology, human resources consultancy, juvenile justice, family and community service, and youth work.

### Social Sciences

the disciplines and areas of study that make up the Social Sciences are among the most exciting and important in the contemporary university. The School of Social Sciences at UWS strives to achieve excellence in research and teaching and seeks to develop a culture that encourages intellectual development and fosters community engagement. Social Sciences aims to provide innovative and relevant postgraduate degrees and the staff bring to their teaching and research a stimulating combination of disciplinary and professional expertise that ensures our work engages with, and is informed by, contemporary debates and the latest developments in the field. Our areas of expertise underpin courses and specialisations in psychology, social theory, geography and urban planning, counselling, adult learning, and expressive therapies.

### Employer Links

Reflecting its strong ties with both business and industry, Arts at UWS boasts numerous collaborations and partnerships with many high profile local and international organisations including the Golden Stave Music Therapy Centre.

 [www.nordoff-robbins.com.au](http://www.nordoff-robbins.com.au)

 [www.tvs.org.au/about/index.html](http://www.tvs.org.au/about/index.html)



## Business and Law

The University of Western Sydney's Business and Law programs provide innovative and comprehensive business and legal education to the Greater Western Sydney region and beyond, offering a distinctive range of professionally accredited and industry-recognised courses designed to lead to successful and fulfilling careers in the fields of business and law both in Australia and in the global market place.

In Business and Law, UWS prides itself on maintaining a high level of community engagement and industry involvement in the Greater Western Sydney region.

[www.uws.edu.au/business](http://www.uws.edu.au/business)

The six discipline areas within Business and Law are:

### Accounting

is responsible for teaching and learning, research, and community engagement in the disciplines of accounting and financial advising and related areas.

### Economics and Finance

courses provide opportunities for students to learn to think critically and communicate effectively on a wide spectrum of issues in economics, finance and property. The school has strong programs in property investment and property development. Other areas of strength include globalisation studies and international trade and finance.

### Law

places special emphasis on the acquisition of legal skills with students undertaking a variety of assessment tasks concerned with the development of communication and advocacy skills; these include oral presentations, moot courts, negotiations, interviews and drafting work.

### Management

is organised academically into three foundation discipline groups:

1. Business Systems
2. Employment Relations
3. Organisation Studies

Management is actively engaged in local and international research and has a strong track record in engagement with industry particularly within Greater Western Sydney.

### Marketing

blends academic rigour with the reality of the marketplace, providing both undergraduates and postgraduates with the skills and opportunity to rise to become industry leaders.

### The Sydney Graduate School of Management (SGSM)

is the Postgraduate Business School of the University of Western Sydney. SGSM is able to call on the very best qualified and most experienced academics within UWS as well as guest lecturers from business, the professions and government.

These experts have extensive academic, consulting and industry experience. Apart from having valuable industry links through collaborative research and consulting, the faculty's international experience will provide you with valuable perspectives on conducting business in a competitive global environment. This ensures that not only the MBA but all courses are of the highest academic quality. Our diverse range of postgraduate courses provides a mix of theory and hands-on practice, thereby ensuring that your course is relevant and immediately applicable to your workplace.

SGSM is a member of the European Foundation for Management Development and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). These organisations are responsible for the promotion and recognition of excellence in management education and development.

### Employer Links

Reflecting its strong ties with both business and industry, UWS Business and Law boasts numerous collaborations and partnerships with many high profile local and international organisations. The University of Western Sydney draws from 240,000 firms in the Greater Western Sydney area and facilitates and/or hosts a number of networks and initiatives involving these firms. Specifically, UWS Business and Law have access and membership to a wide variety of government and industry bodies. Specific companies with which the University has had links, either through research agreements or consultancy, are GS1, James Hardie, Merck Sharp & Dohme, Champions, Coleman & Greig, Matthews Folbigg Professionals and Woolworths.



## Health and Science

In the area of health and science at the University of Western Sydney there are six key discipline areas, offering students innovative, high quality teaching programs across the sciences.

[www.uws.edu.au/chs](http://www.uws.edu.au/chs)

### Biomedical and Health Sciences

brings together a large number of contemporary health science and biomedical science disciplines. Staff and students have strong collaborations with research institutes, public and private health organisations, industry partners and community organisations. Facilities include specialist laboratories, a state-of-the-art nanotechnology facility, confocal and scanning electron microscopes, advanced sport and exercise science laboratories, and a modern teaching and research health clinic.

Biomedical and health sciences has recently revised a number of programs including science and health science to develop highly relevant, up-to-the-minute courses with flexible delivery options in response to industry demand.

### Computing and Mathematics

offers a wide range of postgraduate and research programs in computing, information communications technology, mathematics and statistics. Staff have substantial and wide-ranging experience in both industry and research.

### Engineering

offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in engineering and construction as well as design and technology. Engineering maintains a comprehensive range of partnerships with leading organisations and Australian government departments. Researchers within this area also perform high level research and consultation projects in Australia and actively form strong collaborations with universities in China, Canada, Singapore and the USA.

### Medicine

housed in the University's brand new AUD\$52 million, state-of-the-art medical education and research facility, the UWS Medicine Program is dedicated to delivering a medical education to rival any university in Australia and undertaking research that is valuable to Greater Western Sydney and internationally. With a commitment to clinical science, population health and pre-clinical sciences including anatomy and cell biology, physiology and genetics, there are many opportunities for the supervision of PhD candidates.

### Natural Sciences

has several key teaching areas, which include biological and chemical sciences, forensic science, animal and plant science, food nutrition and biotechnology, environmental health, management and science, agriculture and horticulture. Natural sciences has a long history of externally funded research success and a number of active research groups, with over 100 Honours and Postgraduate research candidates contributing to all areas of research.

### Nursing and Midwifery

is a national leader in nursing, midwifery and clinical leadership education research and scholarship in Australia. Postgraduate programs include courses in specialty areas of nursing clinical leadership with higher degree programs leading to MN (Hons), and PhD awards.

# Research Landscape

The University of Western Sydney nurtures a distinctive, high-impact research culture, committed to enhancing our region's cultural, economic, environmental and educational development, and responsive to contemporary challenges in Greater Western Sydney and beyond.

Over the last decade UWS has developed and consolidated its distinctive research strengths pursuing a strategy of research concentration and selectivity to build its capacity and the sustainability of its research.

UWS has established a system of research concentration with a number of flagship University Research Centres and University Research Groups. These forms of institutional recognition and definition allow the University to focus funding and support for research endeavours on proven or promising programs.

The overriding intention in establishing research centres is to provide a research intensive environment to improve the productivity of researchers by increasing the chances of success in securing competitive grant income, improving the quality and quantity of research outputs, and contributing to research degree completions via the development of a vibrant research culture.

All UWS research centres focus strongly on research questions arising from the region. Much of that research has global relevance because our region's characteristics and challenges align closely with key global concerns.



Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment

## Research Centres

- » The Centre for Cultural Research
- » The Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy
- » The Civionics Research Centre
- » The Centre for Complementary Medicine Research (CompleMED)
- » The Centre for the Study of Contemporary Muslim Societies
- » The Centre for Educational Research
- » MARCS Auditory Laboratories
- » The Urban Research Centre

University research groups support the development of researchers with a shared research focus who can demonstrate their competitiveness in the national research landscape. Research 'nodes' explore areas of emerging research interest and are active across all colleges.



Female Orphan School, Parramatta campus

### Research Groups

- » Centre for Industry and Innovation Studies
- » Disaster Response and Resilience
- » Family and Community Health Research Group
- » Health Services and Outcomes
- » Justice Research
- » Molecular Medicine
- » Nanoscale Organisation and Dynamics Research Group
- » Social and Environmental Responsibility
- » Solar Energy Technologies
- » Writing and Society

University Research Institutes are the highest level of recognition of nationally benchmarked research excellence at significant scale within the University. The newly established Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment provides insights into the function of Australia's unique terrestrial ecosystems in our changing climate. Based on the Hawkesbury campus, the Institute provides a thriving research training program for undergraduate and postgraduate students across a wide range of disciplines.

### Research Goals 2009–2013

Increase overall research intensity and performance

Achieve outstanding quality in research and scholarship

Enhance and increase scope of our productive research groups

Develop effective research partnerships

Provide a rich and stimulating environment for research students

# Outreach – ‘A university of the people’

## Community engagement

At UWS, community engagement through the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge with external partners is aligned with our strategic objectives in relation to our core activities of teaching, learning and research, and is an important way of strengthening these core activities.

Community engagement initiatives at UWS focus on four critical issues for Greater Western Sydney and the nation:

- » educational attainment and literacy
- » business/industry development and sustainability
- » cultural understanding and communication
- » climate change education

## Building better relationships with schools

UWS's institution-wide commitment to building better relationships with schools is demonstrated by the involvement of students, academics and staff from a broad range of academic and administrative areas across the University.

The development of student engagement programs at UWS is informed by feedback from the University's Schools Reference Group, which includes representation from government, Catholic and independent schools, as well as education priority areas determined at both state and national levels.

The University of Western Sydney Schools Engagement program aims to provide primary and high school students with opportunities to not only improve their academic performance, but also to expand their horizons about future career options.

## Widening participation

UWS is located in a region which has significant social and economic challenges and lower participation in higher education relative to other areas of Sydney.

The University of Western Sydney has long been committed to improving educational outcomes in Greater Western Sydney and to widening participation in university.

As a result of efforts to widen participation, UWS students reflect the region, with:

- » 70% coming from Western Sydney
- » 40% being the first in their family to attend university
- » 20% entering university on basis of a TAFE qualification
- » 174 countries of birth
- » a growing number of Indigenous Australians.\*

UWS is now widely seen and described as an institution 'on the move' and is experiencing a growing sense of optimism and momentum.

A range of highly engaging University and community events continue to widen this perception by developing positive relationships with external stakeholders and communities of Greater Western Sydney.

## Social inclusion

Inclusiveness and equity of access are central values of UWS while diversity is one of its great strengths. The University reflects the wider Australian community, with students and staff of Indigenous Australian heritage, different ages, races, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion, political beliefs, disabilities and life experiences.

A significant proportion of UWS students from Greater Western Sydney are also 'first in the family' students who are using tertiary education as a stepping stone to a successful future.

Community engagement, starting with the communities of Greater Western Sydney, is a defining characteristic of the University's identity, and of its academic culture and scholarship. As a key community partner, the University will excel in the development and application of knowledge in a regional context.

Australian Universities Quality Agency Report on UWS, 2007

# Teaching and Learning – a different style

The teaching styles you will encounter at UWS and the study techniques required might be very different from what you have been used to in your home country.

At UWS 'rote learning' – or memorising information – is not the main method of teaching. You will, instead, be required to understand and apply concepts and theories and to critically examine and present a range of arguments to support your conclusions.

## Lectures and tutorials

In undergraduate courses you will have many hours of lectures, tutorials and classes each week, as well as substantial amounts of unstructured time that you will be expected to spend on individual reading and research. You will be required to study a full load of subjects – normally four or more units (subjects) per teaching session (in some instances a minimum of three units can be studied and still be regarded as full-time). Generally, your study will be undertaken on a UWS campus involving a combination of lectures and tutorials for the majority of the course.

## Class participation and understanding

You will be expected to participate in class discussions and to question your lecturers and tutors if you do not understand what is being taught and discussed. In Australia it is not considered bad manners to express views that are different from those expressed by your lecturer, tutor, or academic supervisor. In fact, it is encouraged. Many academic staff members deliberately provoke discussion in order to help them explain the subject being studied.

## Class times and assignments

Lecture and class times for all subjects will be given to you when you enrol during Orientation Week. All students are required to be at lectures and tutorials at the specified times. You may be penalised if you do not comply. At the beginning of each teaching session you will be given 'deadlines' (final dates) for the completion of assignments in all your subjects. If you fail to meet these deadlines you may be penalised even though you have completed your work.



## Assessments

Assessment methods vary from program to program. To pass most subjects students will be required to complete a number of assessment tasks during the semester. These may include essays, research papers, oral presentations, fieldwork, laboratory practicals, mid-term examinations, final exams and other assessment tasks.

The University acknowledges that some students encounter difficulties when they begin their university studies. It therefore provides academic support programs on most campuses to ensure that students are given the best opportunities to succeed.

## Attendance and academic performance

Attendance at class and submission of required work is also a condition of your student visa. The University is required to report poor attendance and poor academic performance of student visa holders to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).

 [www.uws.edu.au/about/teaching](http://www.uws.edu.au/about/teaching)

# UWS Life – Your study destination

Australia is renowned for its physical beauty, its vibrant multicultural society and the outstanding quality of life it offers.

## Australia ...

is a country almost equal in size to the USA and China, but its population is only 22 million, most of whom live in the major coastal cities – two people per square kilometre. It has hot summers and mild winters and diverse landscapes ranging from deserts to snowfields. Australia is the only nation to administer an entire continent and its outlying islands. The mainland is the biggest island and the world's smallest, flattest continent.

 [www.australia.com](http://www.australia.com)

## Sydney ...

### People ...

are a friendly, energetic bunch with a tell-it-like-it-is approach to life. We are multicultural with more than 45% of people having been born overseas or a parent born overseas. Volunteer or join a sporting or cultural club to get to know people and make friends.



### Lifestyle ...

is energetic, busy and varied. Many people explore the Sydney region on the weekends by going on bushwalks, shopping, socialising at different events or activities that are offered that month, and going out for a meal. Students often get involved in active pursuits to forget about study for a time.

### Weather ...

is generally sunny with a moderate climate. Average temperatures are:

- » 27 degrees Celsius  
December – February
- » 23 degrees Celsius  
March – May
- » 18 degrees Celsius  
June – August
- » 23 degrees Celsius  
September – November

So explore, relax and enjoy spending time outdoors.

### Passions ...

include socialising, eating, exploring and enjoying life. Events run year round and cater to every preference. Attend an event or activity you might not normally be drawn to; enhance your student experience, and enjoy the Sydney difference.

 Visit the NSW Events website at:  
[www.more.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.more.nsw.gov.au/events)  
for up-to-date schedules

### Achievement ...

Australia pursues a comprehensive and ambitious international economic agenda and the Greater Western Sydney region is recognised as Australia's third largest regional economy.

It is home to 150 of the top 500 companies in Australia and is a growth area making it the ideal location for future leaders.

### Sport ...

Last but nowhere near the least, sport is a vital part of Sydney life. From community sporting clubs to the professional level Sydney has it all. Winter is the season for Australian Rules football and Rugby League while summer hosts cricket. There are plenty of teams to support and a variety of sports to play. Play a sport and keep healthy while you study.

**Top 6 things to do in and around Western Sydney**

- ❶ Pat a koala or feed the kangaroos at Featherdale Wildlife Park [www.featherdale.com.au](http://www.featherdale.com.au)
- ❷ Learn about Australia's first people – visit the Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural and Education Centre in Penrith [www.murumittigar.com.au](http://www.murumittigar.com.au)
- ❸ Take a trip with [uwsconnect](http://uwsconnect.com.au) to see the sights on Sydney's doorstep including the world heritage listed Blue Mountains, or learn to surf! [www.uwsconnect.com.au](http://www.uwsconnect.com.au)
- ❹ Eat out in Parramatta's 'Eat Street' lined with cafes and restaurants offering cuisine from around the world
- ❺ Visit Sydney Olympic Park – a great place for events, leisure and sport. Have a picnic or hire a bike and explore spectacular parklands and areas of cultural heritage [www.sydneyolympicpark.com](http://www.sydneyolympicpark.com)
- ❻ Watch a game of Australian Rugby League Football [www.australianrugbyleague.com.au](http://www.australianrugbyleague.com.au)



## Greater Western Sydney ...

Greater Western Sydney is a global centre for trade, innovation and learning with the third largest regional economy in Australia.

[www.discovergreatersydney.com.au](http://www.discovergreatersydney.com.au)

The Greater Western Sydney (GWS) region, the home of UWS, stretches from Parramatta (just 30 minutes from the City of Sydney) to the Blue Mountains National Park on the western edge of the metropolitan area and is the 3rd largest economy in Australia after the Sydney CBD and Melbourne

The region includes 14 Local Government Areas which generate almost \$80 billion in economic output per year. More than 150 of Australia's top 500 companies are located within the region and its industries are

growing at much faster rates than the national average.\*

With a population of more than 1.87 million, GWS has one of the most diverse multicultural communities in the world, including over 100 nationalities. GWS is also home to the largest urban Indigenous population in Australia which includes the traditional Aboriginal groups - Darug, Gandangarra and Tharawal.\*

### UWS in Western Sydney

UWS has a very strong commitment to work in partnership with people and organisations in Western Sydney.

Our goal is currently achieved through a diverse range of outreach programs and research projects. An example is the Cooperative Programs initiative – a student work placement scheme providing work experience relevant to degrees.

[www.uws.edu.au/careers](http://www.uws.edu.au/careers)

The multicultural community of Greater Western Sydney is one of the most diverse in the world with over 100 nationalities.

### Multiculturalism and UWS

Being situated in Greater Western Sydney, and having the most diverse multicultural community in the world, UWS's commitment to the region is proven immensely by the range of cultural groups and research groups we have.

Centre for the Study of Contemporary Muslim Societies is the UWS branch of the National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies, a collaboration of the University of Melbourne, Griffith University and the University of Western Sydney. The Centre aims to advance knowledge and understanding of Islam, particularly in the Australian context.

UWS formed the Muslim Harmony Group to build greater understanding and cooperation between Muslim and non-Muslim people.

**'UWS strongly supports and celebrates the contribution of students and staff from many different cultural and religious backgrounds.'**

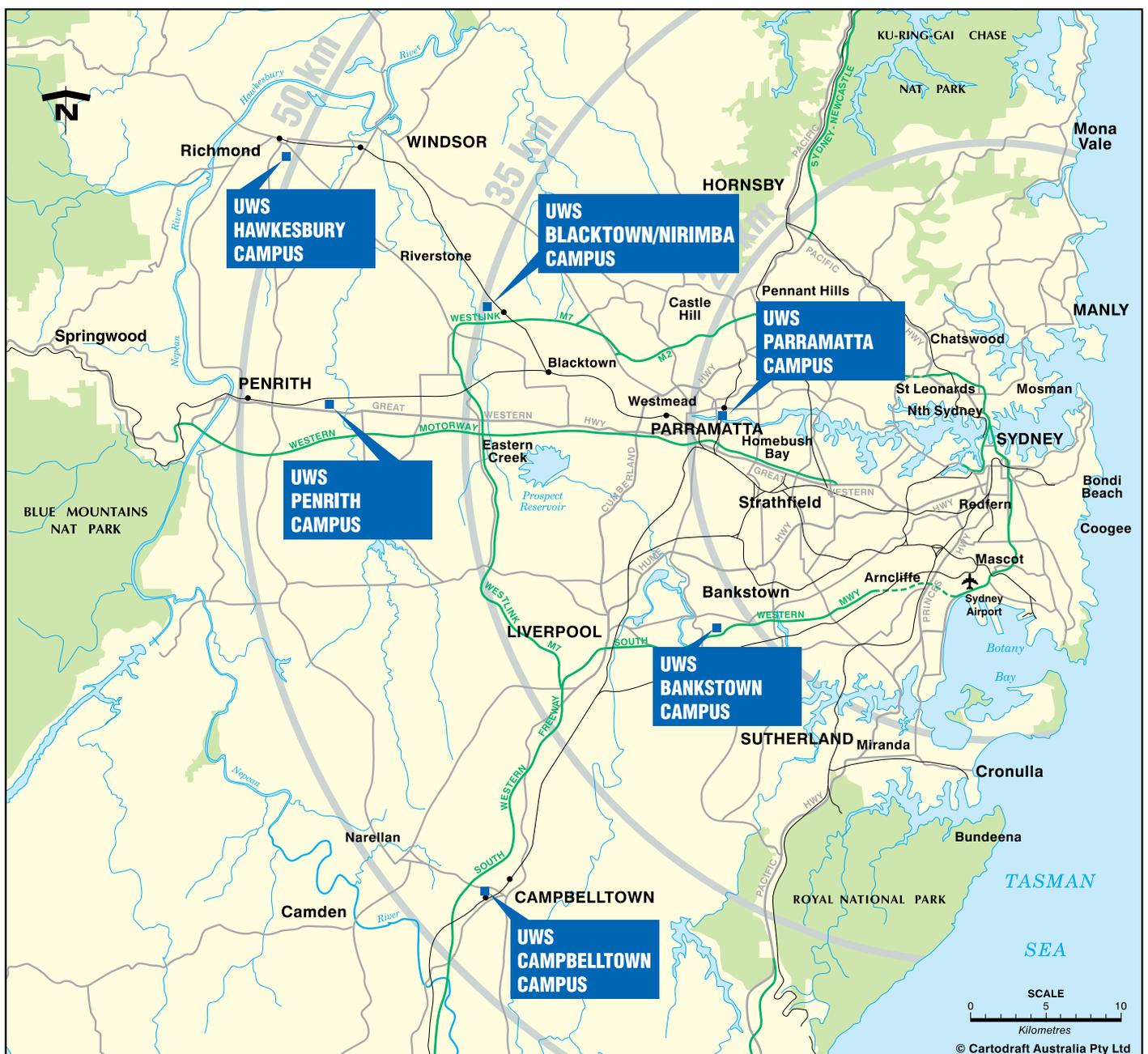
Professor Janice Reid, AM  
Vice-Chancellor  
University of Western Sydney

## Greater Western Sydney - Facts and Figures\*

Population	Government	Economy	Area
1.873 million (2007)	14 Local Government Areas	Third largest in Australia	9,000 sq kilometres
est. 2.5 million (by 2031)	23 State Government Electorates	Gross Regional Product (GRP) \$76.4 billion (2006–2007)	Sydney Olympic Park to Blue Mountains
Over 100 nationalities	7 Federal Electorates	242,000 businesses	Unique flora/fauna environment

\*Source: UWS University Profile 2010

# UWS Life – where will you study?



With campuses spread across Greater Western Sydney, UWS offers one of the largest choices of campus locations of any Australian university.

Each campus has its own unique atmosphere, with clean, green and friendly environments in which to learn.

**i** Where you study will depend largely on the course you choose to study at UWS. Please ensure you carefully check the campus at which your program is offered in

the course guide section of the prospectus or go to: [www.uws.edu.au/international/postgrad.html](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/postgrad.html)

**i** [www.uws.edu.au/about](http://www.uws.edu.au/about)



## Bankstown campus

**Student population**  
6,741\*

**Location in Western Sydney**  
Milperra

**Accommodation**  
On campus  
[http://residences.uws.edu.au/bankstown\\_accommodation.html](http://residences.uws.edu.au/bankstown_accommodation.html)

**Campus environment**  
Warm, friendly environment, with modern and spacious buildings and landscaped gardens with a strong Australian native theme.

**Specialist facilities**

- » Centre for Educational Research
- » MARCS Auditory Laboratory
- » Some of Australia's most advanced Language Laboratories
- » Conference Interpreting Laboratory

**How to get there**  
A 10 minute walk from Panania train station or by bus from either East Hills train station or Bankstown train station. If you drive, the campus is easy to access via the M5 Motorway.

**The surrounding region**  
Bankstown is one of the largest local government areas in New South Wales, with approximately 170,000 residents speaking more than 60 different languages. The City of Bankstown is host to an array of recreational and

sporting facilities, including 293 parks and reserves covering a total of over 730 hectares.

The region boasts 39 sports complexes with 173 winter and 147 summer sporting fields, including the Olympic Dunc Gray Velodrome, The Crest synthetic athletics track, five tennis complexes, three swimming pools, the Wran Leisure Centre, Bankstown Basketball Stadium, a community owned golf course in Sefton, and two multi-purpose indoor sports facilities. It is home to Sydney's second largest airport, as well as Bankstown Square (a large shopping centre), a major hospital, and a wide range of restaurants that serve food from all parts of the world.

 [www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/visit-bankstown/default.aspx](http://www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/visit-bankstown/default.aspx)

## Campbelltown campus

**Student population**  
5,699\*

**Location in Western Sydney**  
Campbelltown

**Accommodation**  
On campus  
[http://residences.uws.edu.au/campbelltown\\_accommodation.html](http://residences.uws.edu.au/campbelltown_accommodation.html)

**Campus environment**  
Tuscan village flavour, with modern buildings and courtyards, surrounded by landscaped green spacious gardens and sports grounds.

**Specialist facilities**

- » Purpose-built state-of-the-art medical teaching and training facility
- » UniClinic (naturopathy, podiatry, osteopathy, remedial massage and traditional Chinese medicine)
- » Moot Court
- » Nursing laboratories
- » Anatomy laboratories
- » Biomedical imaging

**How to get there**  
Take the shuttle bus from Campbelltown train station, or it's an easy 10 minute walk from Macarthur train station. By car, access is easy from the M5 Motorway.

**The surrounding region**  
The 166-hectare Campbelltown campus is nestled in the heart of the historic Macarthur region, offering a unique balance between city and rural lifestyles. The City of Campbelltown has a population of approx 150,000. Campbelltown is rich in culture and heritage with many historic sites and buildings scattered throughout the city that are a reminder of early colonial history.

Recreational activities abound with venues for golf, swimming, tennis, horse riding and fascinating walks in the nearby Mt Annan Botanic Gardens – Australia's largest botanic garden, with an abundance of birdlife and native plant species.

 [www.macarthurtourism.com.au](http://www.macarthurtourism.com.au)



## Hawkesbury campus

**Student population**  
2,321\*

**Location in Western Sydney**  
Richmond

**Accommodation**  
On campus  
[http://residences.uws.edu.au/hawkesbury\\_accommodation.html](http://residences.uws.edu.au/hawkesbury_accommodation.html)

**Campus environment**  
Adjacent to the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains. Modern facilities, heritage buildings and scenic grounds. Campus history dates back to 1891 when the Hawkesbury Agricultural College was established, making it the oldest agriculture institution in New South Wales.

**Specialist facilities**

- » Equine Research and Demonstration Unit
- » Food Processing Pilot Plant
- » Crime Scene House
- » Nursing laboratories
- » Confocal Microscope Facility
- » Animal science facilities

**How to get there**  
Take the bus from East Richmond train station (five minutes) or it's a 20 minute walk from the station. Drive via Bourke Street, Blacktown Road or Londonderry Road. There is also a bus from Penrith train station (you will need to check the timetable).

**The surrounding region**  
A friendly and rural community established in 1789, the Hawkesbury region is one of the earliest colonial settlements in Australia. It is located at the foot of the Blue Mountains, adjacent to the vast wilderness of the Blue Mountains and Wollemi National Parks, where pristine creeks feed into the magnificent Hawkesbury River.

Despite Hawkesbury's close proximity to Sydney, Australia's largest city, it is still very much a rural community, with market gardens, orchards and rich pasture covering much of the landscape, from the floodplains to the hills. Known as the 'food basket' for Sydney, the Hawkesbury area grows a vast range of produce including stone fruits, oranges, apples, pecan nuts, berries and various vegetables, many of which are for sale at various stalls dotted around the roads. Tourism and agriculture are the main sources of income. Although quiet and peaceful, the area is well serviced by retail shops and recreation areas as well as direct road and rail links. The campus has many heritage buildings, a working farm, and extensive orchards and vineyards.

 [www.hawkesburyaustralia.com](http://www.hawkesburyaustralia.com)

## Nirimba (Blacktown) campus

**Student population**  
1,091\*

**Location in Western Sydney**  
Eastern Road, Quakers Hill

**Accommodation**  
On campus: Fred Hollows Residential College  
[http://residences.uws.edu.au/nirimba\\_accommodation.html](http://residences.uws.edu.au/nirimba_accommodation.html)

**Campus environment**  
The Nirimba (Blacktown) campus forms part of Nirimba Education Precinct, alongside TAFE and two senior high schools. The University's pathways college, UWSCollege, offers Foundation Studies and Diploma programs on this campus.

**Specialist facilities**

- » State-of-the-art teaching facilities.

**How to get there**  
By car: From Sydney CBD, take the Westlink M7 Motorway (a tollway) and get off at the Quakers Hill Parkway Exit and turn right at Quakers Hill Parkway. Turn left into the Nirimba Education Precinct on Eastern Road leading to the campus.

By train: Take the Western line to Quakers Hill railway station, which is a 10 minute walk to the campus. Or catch a bus from Blacktown railway station.

By bus: Bus Routes 751 and 752 provide services to Blacktown campus, and run every half hour.

**The surrounding region**  
The City of Blacktown and its region has a population of 270,000 residents from more than 30 different cultures. The City of Blacktown provides an extensive array of leisure and tourism attractions including Blacktown Arts Centre, Featherdale Wildlife Park (where you can feed the kangaroos or have your picture taken with a koala), Rouse Hill Regional Park, and the Blacktown Olympic Park at Aquilina Reserve (that played an integral role in the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games). In the past few decades, Blacktown has been transformed from a rural hinterland to the heart of Sydney's booming Greater West region. It is the centre of a large industrial and retail shopping area that is well serviced by road and rail.



## Parramatta campus

### Student population

14,170\*

### Location in Western Sydney

Rydalmere

### Accommodation

On campus

[www.uwsvillage.com.au](http://www.uwsvillage.com.au)

### Campus environment

Heritage buildings including the oldest three-storey building in Australia, cafes and the scenic Parramatta River.

### Specialist facilities

- » Purpose-built state-of-the-art teaching facilities
- » Nursing laboratories
- » Moot Court
- » Computing laboratories

### How to get there

There are regular bus services from Parramatta train station to West Ryde train station which pass by the campus; or walk (10 minutes) from Rydalmere train station. By car, entry is from Victoria Road, which is easily accessible from the M4 or M2 Motorways or James Ruse Drive.

### The surrounding region

A bustling metropolis with a rich, historic background, as Sydney's second largest central business district, Parramatta City has a massive economic growth rate that is set to continue well into the future. It is a city rich in history, a place of elegant parks and a vibrant multicultural

community, a shopper's paradise, and a centre for sport, dining and entertainment. It is also a thriving legal, educational and health care centre, and home to some of Australia's biggest corporations and government agencies.

Parramatta has some excellent examples of early colonial architecture including Old Government House, Elizabeth Farm, St John's Cathedral, the Lancer Barracks and the Linden House Museum. Today, Parramatta is a modern city with a range of cafes and restaurants with cuisines from around the globe, large shopping centres, cinemas, theatres and nightclubs. Parramatta campus, with its heritage buildings, cafes and the scenic Parramatta River, is a popular choice for students from all over Sydney.

 [www.visitnsw.com.au](http://www.visitnsw.com.au)





## Penrith campus

Student population  
9,055\*

Location in Western Sydney  
Penrith

Three sites: Kingswood,  
Werrington North and Werrington  
South

Accommodation  
On and off campus

[http://residences.uws.edu.au/  
penrith\\_accommodation.html](http://residences.uws.edu.au/penrith_accommodation.html)

Campus environment  
Modern facilities and  
scenic grounds.

### Specialist facilities

- » Television Sydney (TV station)
- » Golden Stave Music Therapy Centre
- » Mechatronics and Robotics Facility
- » Industrial design centre
- » Three multi-track recording studios
- » Convergent Media Studio Complex
- » Computer research centre
- » Design Studios (including state-of-the-art broadcast quality animation and television post-production studios)
- » Computing and photographic laboratories and studios
- » Purpose-built disability learning centre

### How to get there

Walk from Kingswood train station, or catch a bus from Penrith or St Marys train stations. By car via the M4 Motorway. UWS provides a free shuttle bus service between the two major sites at Werrington and Kingswood.

### The surrounding region

Lively and modern with lots of character Penrith is a city on the western fringe of the Sydney metropolitan area at the foot of the Blue Mountains on the spectacular Nepean River. The population of Penrith is 170,000, making it one of the three largest local government areas in Western Sydney and the sixth largest population of any local government area in New South Wales. Penrith's focus is shifting from agriculture to manufacturing. The city acts as a regional shopping area for the Penrith region and the Blue Mountains. It also hosts a large regional hospital, the Nepean Hospital.

Penrith also houses regional government offices, such as the Australian Taxation Office, and is home to the huge Panthers World of Entertainment (Penrith Rugby League Club), a multifaceted entertainment and resort centre offering bars, discos, live entertainment, theatre, gambling, restaurants and sporting facilities. The Nepean River is a major attraction for the area, with extensive parklands, bicycle and jogging tracks along its banks, and a range of boating activities. With just a 10-minute train ride from Penrith students can find themselves in the natural beauty of the lower Blue Mountains, offering hiking trails, natural swimming basins, scenic views, and unique flora and fauna.

 [www.penrithaustralia.com](http://www.penrithaustralia.com)





## Westmead campus

### Courses

The Westmead precinct is where English language programs are offered by UWSCollege for students preparing to study at UWS

### Location in Western Sydney

Westmead (in the Parramatta local government area)

### Accommodation

Shared accommodation can be arranged through UWS Student Residences or UWS Village [Parramatta].

Homestay accommodation with an Australian family is also available to UWSCollege students.

[http://residences.uws.edu.au/parramatta\\_accommodation.html](http://residences.uws.edu.au/parramatta_accommodation.html)

[www.uwsvillage.com.au](http://www.uwsvillage.com.au)

[www.uwscollege.edu.au/about/accomodation](http://www.uwscollege.edu.au/about/accomodation)

[http://residences.uws.edu.au/penrith\\_accommodation.html](http://residences.uws.edu.au/penrith_accommodation.html)

### Specialist facilities

UWSCollege Westmead precinct is home to UWS English language programs.

The facilities include lecture and tutorial rooms, computer labs, internet access, academic and social support services, sporting facilities, food outlets,

parking, a student common room and prayer rooms.

### How to get there

The UWS Westmead precinct is accessible by walking, cycling and public transport.

Located on the corner of Darcy and Hawkesbury Roads Westmead, the precinct is within walking distance from the Westmead train station.

### The surrounding region

Westmead precinct is near Parramatta. The Parramatta area boasts the best in shopping, cinemas, affordable restaurants, cafes and nightlife. Parramatta is also a thriving commercial centre and home to a host of large multinational companies and government organisations. With so much of Sydney's commercial life nearby, it offers plenty of opportunities for part-time employment.



# UWS Life – Accommodation

UWS strongly recommends that all international students live on campus to take advantage of opportunities to make new friends from Australia and all over the world, access to university facilities, security and the convenience of moving straight into fully furnished accommodation.

The University provides high quality, affordable accommodation options on most campuses, from residential halls to townhouses, cottages and units. The UWS Residential Colleges provide affordable, high quality, and safe on-campus accommodation at Bankstown, Blacktown, Campbelltown, Hawkesbury and Penrith. UWS Village offers apartments on the Parramatta campus.

The location of accommodation will be determined by where your course is conducted. For example, if your course is at Bankstown campus, your accommodation will be located at Bankstown.

## UWS Residential Colleges

UWS Residential Colleges offer more than just a 'roof over students' heads' – they provide quality, safe and supportive residential environments designed to enrich students' university experience. These living environments are designed to foster academic as well as personal success and growth. Students living on campus with UWS Residential Colleges benefit from leadership opportunities and life skills programs conducted throughout the year – offering students a holistic, living learning environment.

UWS Residential Accommodation is available on five campuses, offering state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly student accommodation and facilities. The accommodation comprises furnished one bedroom studios, three and five bedroom apartments and common room and computer lab facilities.

At the Residential Colleges, the private sleeping/study quarters include beds, heaters, desks and often fridges, and the shared common areas include fully-furnished kitchens, lounge and dining areas. The common room facilities provide an ideal environment to hang out with friends and have fun, with pool table, table tennis, Foxtel, computer labs and laundry. There's also a wide variety of sporting, cultural and social activities and facilities. UWS Residential Colleges also are patrolled by UWS security 24 hours a day.

A free shuttle bus operates between the Penrith and Hawkesbury campuses, so students studying at Penrith campus will have a choice of staying at either Penrith campus or enjoying the semirural landscape of Hawkesbury campus, with its stately heritage-listed buildings, extensive sporting facilities and rich traditions dating back more than 100 years.

UWS Residential Colleges offer a wide variety of on-campus sporting, cultural and social activities and facilities. At each of our Residential Colleges there is a student welfare support system and an active student-based Social Club, which contributes to community development by hosting social, cultural and sporting events.

 Apply online at <http://residences.uws.edu.au/>

T: +61 2 4570 1248  
F: +61 2 4570 1348  
E: [residentialcolleges@uws.edu.au](mailto:residentialcolleges@uws.edu.au)

## UWS Village [Parramatta]

Located on the Parramatta campus, UWS Village provides a choice of brand new, stylish apartments with resident support, exciting events and a great student community. An extensive event program offers activities to support your social, academic and personal development, from art classes to study groups, to cooking classes, themed events, swimming pool, fitness clubs and much more.

Our diverse Village community is home to students from all over the world and we make sure events are tailored specifically to the needs of our residents. Take part in Village sports tournaments, join a conversational English class, explore Sydney and learn how to budget!



UWS Village offers a choice of accommodation types to suit your needs, from private one bedroom studio apartments through to social eight bedroom apartments. All apartments are fully furnished and have spacious rooms, large kitchens and flat screen TVs in the living rooms.

Our great on-site facilities include a student lounge with games and entertainment, TV room with Foxtel, e-library with computers, a laundry, barbecue area, a new swimming pool and outdoor courtyards. There's never an excuse to be bored!

If you need help, our friendly Resident Assistant (RA) team is always there to provide support, help students settle into the community and adjust to life in Australia. Safety is also a top priority, with security key access and staff, RAs and security on-site 24 hours a day.

What's more, we're only a 10 minute bus ride away from the Parramatta Central Business District, a large shopping mall and a main train station.

 Apply online at [www.uwsvillage.com.au](http://www.uwsvillage.com.au)

T: +61 2 8821 0631  
F: +61 2 9630 6008  
E: [info@uwsvillage.com.au](mailto:info@uwsvillage.com.au) or  
[reception@uwsvillage.com.au](mailto:reception@uwsvillage.com.au)



# UWS Life – Preparing for life at UWS

Moving to a new country to study is both exciting and challenging. UWS has everything in place to help you adjust to your new life at UWS.

## Pre-departure information

All students should receive information about the University, including accommodation options, airport reception, the Orientation Program, living expenses, lifestyle and climate etc, before they leave their home country.

[www.uws.edu.au/international/pre-departure](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/pre-departure)

## Airport Reception Service

UWS has an airport pickup service provider who can bring you from Sydney airport to the UWS campus where you will be studying, or nearby residences. A University Information and Reception desk is located near the main Information desk at the airport during peak periods (January to March and June to August).

If you would like to use this airport pickup service, you must complete an application form and fax it to UWS at least seven days before your arrival.

[www.uws.edu.au/international/support.html](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/support.html)

## Finding accommodation

You'll find a range of accommodation options both on and off campus. If you decide to rent privately, the Greater Western Sydney region offers an affordable lifestyle, with access to major shopping, sporting and entertainment venues.

Living on campus provides for fun times and serious study within a secure and safe environment.

[See pages 24 and 25 for more information.](#)

If you decide to live in private accommodation in the Sydney city centre, UWS recommends that you live close to a major train station.

[www.uws.edu.au/international/accommodation](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/accommodation)

## Education of dependants

If you are bringing your children with you to Australia, you should be aware that you must pay International Student fees for their tuition at primary and secondary schools in Australia.

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/parents>





### What to bring with you to Australia

Sydney is a large cosmopolitan city in which you can buy everything you need. However, you are advised to bring some items with you to Australia because many items may be more expensive here than in your home country.

Some students choose to bring some larger electrical appliances such as rice cookers and CD players with them. These items are widely available in Australia but may be more expensive than your home country. (Australia uses 240 volt AC 50 hertz electricity and three-pin plugs to access power points.) Accommodation does not include bed linen or blankets. A sleeping bag may be useful to cover the first few nights until you have a chance to purchase these items.

Australia has strict customs laws. It is illegal to bring many items, such as food of any description, including herbal medicines, into Australia.

**i** For a quick guide to prohibited items visit: [www.affa.gov.au](http://www.affa.gov.au)

**i** [www.uws.edu.au/international/support.html](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/support.html) for the 'Study at UWS Guide' for more advice on what to bring with you to Australia

### Orientation Program

This program is designed to introduce you formally to the University and to the key staff with whom you will be dealing. It also provides information and advice that will assist you in adjusting to the living and learning environment of UWS. It will also provide you with the opportunity to meet other students and participate in social activities and excursions.

You are advised to arrive in Australia at least one or two days before the commencement of the Orientation Program. The program usually takes place one week before classes commence.

**i** [www.uws.edu.au/international/important\\_dates](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/important_dates)

### Travel concessions in Australia

International students are not eligible for concessions on government-operated trains, buses or ferries (with the exception of Exchange Students and some scholarship holders). However, you may be eligible for concessions from private bus companies and for interstate or long distance train travel.

**i** More information will be provided to you during Orientation Week, or you can check for links to information regarding public transport in NSW at: [www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au)

### Have time to socialise and play sport

Once you start studying at UWS give yourself the opportunity to meet other students through sports and leisure activities. [uwsconnect](http://uwsconnect) coordinates a wide range of leisure outings and recreational activities. These are available to students, staff, alumni and their friends. UWS caters for all interests in sport and recreation whether you're into football, shooting pool or salsa! Sporting facilities across the six campuses include 50m outdoor swimming pools, hockey fields, a beach volleyball court, privately operated golf driving range, squash courts, netball courts, basketball courts, a dance studio, fitness centres, tennis courts and indoor games rooms. There are also numerous social and sporting clubs you can join.

**i** [www.uwsconnect.com.au](http://www.uwsconnect.com.au)

# UWS Life – Cost of Living

'University life is as much about lifestyle as it is about academic success. For many students it represents the start of a new era, maybe moving out of home and a significant investment of their time and energies to achieve a dream.'

Professor Janice Reid, AM  
Vice-Chancellor  
University of Western Sydney

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) requires student visa holders to have AUD\$18,000 per year for living expenses. Although it is impossible to predict your exact expenses, this section gives you some indicative costs plus useful information about general living costs.

A two bedroom apartment in Parramatta costs about AUD\$300 per week in rent.

Share with a friend and your rent will be around AUD\$150 per week plus utilities and the cost of furnishing your apartment to your taste and lifestyle. Bring some lightweight items from home to make your new apartment feel like home (for example, a decorative couch throw cover, and photos).

A lot of these costs vary depending on your lifestyle – you may require more or less than what is indicated on the table. Living in Sydney is affordable compared to major European cities and there are always great bargains to be found that can keep your costs down. It is just a question of looking! There are lots of cheap places to eat, 'party' and indulge in cultural pursuits. There are special discounts available to students – so make sure you ask!

Remember, your living expenses are separate from your tuition fees.

As it can often take some time for money to be transferred from your home country to Australia, you will need to bring enough money with you to cover your expenses for the first few weeks. Foreign currency can be exchanged for Australian dollars at Sydney Airport. If you arrive on a weekend (Saturday/Sunday) and do not change some currency at the airport you may not be able to change it until the next working day. If you want to use cash, you may only use Australian currency.

## Budgeting tips

There are many ways to reduce your costs for example:

- » bringing your lunch to campus
- » cooking at home
- » taking public transport
- » buying a pre-paid mobile phone
- » living close to campus.





The costs given below are to be used as guidelines only.\*

Initial expenses you may have to consider	Approx cost in AUD\$	
Airport transfer	\$80–\$150	Based on transport costs from the airport if you have not organised to be met as part of the Airport Reception Service
Food, transport and associated expenses	\$250–\$500	For three weeks
Rent advance or rental bond	\$300–\$900+	Rent for your accommodation in advance; rental bond if you are renting off-campus accommodation
Bedding	\$100–\$250	Based on costs if you have not brought it with you, or it is not provided in your accommodation
Warm clothing	\$50–\$150	Especially in winter (June to August) if you are coming from a tropical climate
Textbooks	\$400+	You will be able to save money by buying second hand books. Example: <a href="http://www.textbookexchange.com.au">www.textbookexchange.com.au</a>
International calling cards (phone cards) to call home	\$10+	

Estimated average weekly living costs	Approx cost in AUD\$	
Accommodation	\$120–\$350+	Costs depend on the type of accommodation (house, apartment, student residences on-campus)
Food	\$50–\$100	Based on cooking your own meals and eating at home
Bus and train fares	\$20–\$45	Weekly and monthly travel passes are available
Personal items	\$50+	
Stationery and photocopying	\$15	
Utilities (gas, electricity, water, internet/phone)	\$20+	If you are privately renting a house or apartment then utility cost is on top of your rent

Some typical costs in Sydney	Approx cost in AUD\$	
A cup of coffee	\$2.50–\$3.50	
Lunch in a cafe	\$8–\$15	
Loaf of bread	\$3.50	
Lunch on campus	\$5–\$10	
Fast food (McDonalds, KFC, food courts)	\$5–\$10	
Take away food (Indian, Chinese, Thai, Pizza etc)	\$10–\$25	
Movies	\$16	Most cinemas have student discount or special movie nights that are cheaper
Sporting event	\$20+	
A night out (dinner and club entrance fee)	\$60+	
Haircut (men)	\$15+	
Haircut (women)	\$30+	

Please note: prices are indicative only. Goods and services in Australia are subjected to a Goods and Tax (GST) of 10%.

# UWS Life – Working in Australia

'Students who graduate with work experience on top of their degree have a competitive edge over other graduates.'

Freny Tayebjee, Manager  
UWS Careers & Cooperative  
Education Unit

## Work visa

Student visa holders and their dependants have permission to work already included with their visas. You are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week during semester and unlimited hours during semester break.

## Employment

Many international students choose to work part-time during their studies, but it is unrealistic to assume that you will find part-time work as soon as you begin looking for it. You will first need to become familiar with the city and the work areas where part-time employment is available.

It is also important to understand your study obligations before you commit yourself to part-time work. In planning your finances it is unwise to depend on the availability of part-time work in order to support yourself.

[www.uws.edu.au/  
international/workinoz.html](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/workinoz.html)

## UWS Careers & Cooperative Education

UWS Careers & Cooperative Education aims to assist students to manage their careers and enhance their employability through the provision of career developmental learning.

A range of free services is available to students and recent graduates including:

- » workshops on resume writing, job seeking skills and interview techniques
- » guest lectures from career consultants across a range of career development topics including career planning and job application techniques
- » year-round contact with graduate employers and professional associations through expos, on-campus presentations and site visits
- » industry placement programs are provided to give students and recent graduates the opportunity to gain degree-relevant work experience.

International students are eligible to apply for Summer or Winter Vacation Projects.



## CareerHub

UWS students can register on CareerHub for free access to online job vacancies and information about other career services and events.

[www.uws.edu.au/careers](http://www.uws.edu.au/careers)

Other useful sites  
[www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au)  
[www.careerone.com.au](http://www.careerone.com.au)





Cave painting from Yarramundi



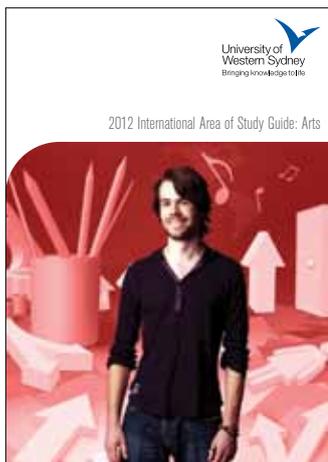
Nepean River, Blue Mountains



# UWS Vital Statistics

	2009	2010
<b>Student Enrolments</b>		
Total	37,426	39,780
Academic Staff (FTE)	1,151	1,202
General Staff (FTE)	1,400	1,433
<b>Campus Size (Ha)</b>		
Bankstown	23	23
Blacktown (Nirimba)	78	78
Campbelltown	158	158
Hawkesbury	1,373	1,373
Parramatta	27	27
Penrith	192	192
<b>Finance</b>		
Expenditure	\$474.2m	\$497.3m (p)
Total Operating Income	\$535m	\$562.3m (p)
<b>Enrolments (by place of permanent residence)</b>		
<b>Domestic</b>		
Greater Western Sydney	23,340	25,304
Other	9,528	9,637
<b>International</b>		
Onshore	4,200	4,410
Offshore	358	429
<b>By Course Level</b>		
Undergraduate	28,527	30,857
Higher Degree by Coursework	5,180	5,437
Higher Degree by Research	694	827
Other Postgraduate	1,049	967
Enabling and Non Award	1976	1692
<b>By Age Group</b>		
Less than 25	24,830	26,608
25 - 34	8,372	8,773
35 - 49	3,504	3,642
50 and above	720	757

# How to get more information on UWS



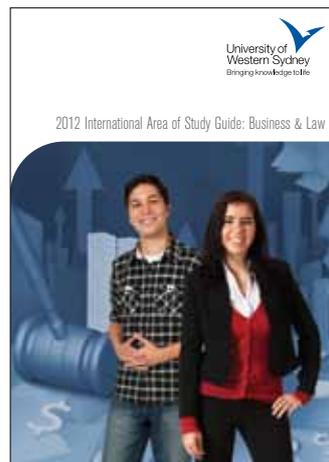
## UWS International website

We recommend that you visit the International pages of the UWS website at: [www.uws.edu.au/international](http://www.uws.edu.au/international)

The website is specially designed to cover most of your questions and includes information on Australian lifestyle and culture, travel and social activities, links to useful websites, a pre-departure guide, downloadable documents, and lots of other useful material.

## UWS Area of Study Guides

The UWS Area of Study Guides contain information on program structures and sequencing that may assist you in choosing your units of study at UWS.



## UWS Research Prospectus

The UWS Research Prospectus details research work currently being undertaken and the groups and centres that are producing this work. The Research Prospectus gives students an insight into potential research areas they could can become involved in.

 These documents can be downloaded from our website at: [www.uws.edu.au/international/downloads\\_page](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/downloads_page)



## Helpful links

### UWS International

[www.uws.edu.au/international](http://www.uws.edu.au/international)

### Pathways Programs

[www.uwscollge.edu.au](http://www.uwscollge.edu.au)

### UWS campus information

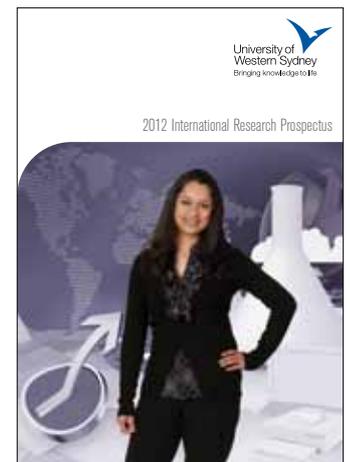
[www.uws.edu.au/international/campus\\_information](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/campus_information)

### UWS on-campus accommodation

[www.uws.edu.au/international/accommodation](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/accommodation)

### Pre-departure information

[www.uws.edu.au/international/pre-departure](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/pre-departure)



## Student support

[www.uws.edu.au/international/current\\_student\\_support](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/current_student_support)

## Transportation information

[www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au)

## Careers & Cooperative Education

[www.uws.edu.au/community/in\\_the\\_community/careers](http://www.uws.edu.au/community/in_the_community/careers)

## Have fun with uwconnect trips & tours

[www.uwconnect.com.au](http://www.uwconnect.com.au)



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